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1. YOUR ANALYSIS OF THE COMPLEX AND CRITICAL SITUATION WHICH WE FACE IN CUBA AND LATIN AMERICA AND YOUR PROPOSAL FOR AN APPROACH TO CASTRO HAVE BEEN STUDIED HERE WITH GREATEST CARE. WE APPRECIATE YOUR CAREFUL EVALUATION OF THE SITUATION, THE THOUGHT YOU HAVE GIVEN TO A SPECIFIC PLAN, AND THE OFFER OF YOUR OWN SERVICES AS EMISSARY.

2. WE HAVE OURSELVES ALREADY EXAMINED THE PROS AND CONS OF A PLAN LIKE THAT WHICH YOU SUGGEST AND COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT A REPRESENTATIVE OF A THIRD COUNTRY, PREFERABLY A LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRY, WOULD BE MORE LIKELY TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS THAN THE MOST HIGHLY QUALIFIED AMERICAN.

3. WE HAVE ALSO PREPARED AN ESTIMATE OF CASTRO PERSONALLY AND OF HIS LIKELY REACTIONS TO THE KIND OF PROPOSALS WHICH YOU SUGGEST. OUR CONCLUSION IS THAT HE WOULD BE ALMOST CERTAIN TO REJECT SUCH AN APPROACH. WE ARE ALSO UNCERTAIN THAT THE PROPAGANDA ADVANTAGES WOULD BE PREDICTABLE. AS A CONSEQUENCE WE HAVE, FOR THE TIME BEING, SET ASIDE PLANS FOR A DIRECT APPROACH.

4. YOUR THOUGHTS HAVE, NEVERTHELESS, BEEN MOST USEFUL AND WE SHALL KEEP IN MIND THE GENEROUS OFFER OF YOUR VALUED SERVICES.

END OF MESSAGE

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